**Hillside Middle School School Community Council Meeting Minutes November 8, 2022**

**In attendance**: JaNeal Rodriguez, Justin Spencer, Natalie Smith, Sam Quantz, Jared Lisonbee, Cindy Remke, Sonal Kerr, Christine Anderson, Liz Buirley, Carla Were, Cari Fifield,

**SCC Business**:

* Approved October minutes

**Counselor’s Report:** N/A

**Guest Speaker –** **Sam Quantz, SLCSD’s Chief Information Officer**

Topic: Digital Safety & Technology Use & Challenges

* Safe technology means protecting students from inappropriate content
* We have Acceptable Use Policy for technology use signed during registration period
* Digital citizenship is about teaching students and staff to behave appropriately in digital world
* New internet filter system for our District is Content Keeper. Currently being implemented.
* There are different settings for staff and students. For example, students can’t get on YouTube. Access is determined as we work with individual schools, to determine if material is appropriate and appropriate for high school, middle school or elementary.
* Having trouble with Stock photo websites - having inappropriate images and images misused by students, no way to filter entire site
* Internet filtering is very reactive, 1000’s new websites entered daily
* In the event of something questionable showing up, a school can notify IT department, otherwise items go through normal categorization process.
* YouTube is such a challenge because the way it’s managed causes difficulty. It’s difficult to block the whole site. One can do a “safe search” which limits images for certain terms. YouTube has tons of good content; teachers have access and can show them to students as they need. Teachers have a tool called MyVRspot which allows them to allow for a single video to be used for student use
* Microsoft has tools which allow us to pull ports on what students are doing and manage devices
* We also do a lot of training; annual digital safety training, we use Common Sense Media lessons, and Netsmartz, which focuses on safety, watching out for bad guys. Common Sense Media Lessons focus on being safe online and behaving appropriately, proper online etiquette. In addition,
* When a student does something inappropriate, “suspicious searches” reports are generated. “Gambling” for example would be flagged. Student incidents are often handled at school level, staff incidents through human resources.
* Principal Rodriguez scans searches, pulls student, goes over acceptable use policy if a term like “depression” comes up she goes through counselors, etc. determines whether it is a social emotional angle or if it is AUP violation policy and then appropriate consequences are determined. Q – Are parents contacted A – When is it a AUP violation, like a porn search, yes.
* IT is working on an instantaneous search, so if word “bomb” or “kill” or “suicide” comes up there would be immediate notification to the school administration.
* Question – is the consideration of why porn or other topics are bad discussed, rather than just the technology concern? Answer – that is more the purvey of health classes where human sexuality is taught and that may be discussed.
* Common Sense media looks at wholistic view of what’s good or what’s not, how do I confirm information, etc.

**School Board Report - Kristi Swett** (not present) via notes to SCC chair, Natalie

* New interim Superintendent Bates will be staying on with District until June 30, 2023.
* Dr. Bates is up to speed and providing tremendous leadership for the board and District.
* Dr. Bates will help conduct a Superintendent search in the spring to hire a permanent Superintendent.
* There will be two new board members joining the board in January with the retirement of Melissa Ford and Katherine Kennedy and a possible third seat, which Bryce Williams currently occupies, depending on the election results. Nate Salazar retains his seat as he ran unopposed.
* There is a lot of speculation about the decline in our enrollment and what that means for our District. The board will take up the discussion next year.  There have been no long term or short term decisions discussed; those conversations will take place in the future.

**Counselor’s Report – Cari Fifield**

* Currently teaching 8th grade suicide prevention lessons. Lifeline is a four day lesson conducted through Health classes. This curriculum will spiral into more lessons later as well.
* Our “Move This World” curriculum teaches signs to watch for to reflect, reaching out using safe UT, resiliency steps and a variety of tools to help with negative thinking. Students are also taught about brain wiring, that sometimes, having negative thoughts and anxiety is normal.
* College & Career Readiness conferences underway for 8th grade. We invite parents to join- goal is 100%. Purpose of meetings is to examine career options, course work that can help students, curriculum is taught to help kids look for jobs, includes the philosophy of Ikigai, which includes finding purpose, meaning and joy. With eighth grade we target options and programs to help with career and college readiness to help them use high school to get as far as they can toward that career goal, and what to do if you change your mind about your career choice.
* Busy with Hope Squad, integration with Promising Youth, and social worker, programs, all being well utilized.
* Spring audit for counseling department this year

**Principal’s Report: Janeal Rodriguez & Justin Spencer**

* Reviewed District Calendar options – need to vote
* Halos will be installed to detect vaping. Vaping is a problem, currently have narrowed bathrooms to one area during lunch to keep a handle on issue
* Justin stated we have a lofty goal to reduce incidence reports by 50%. If broken down by months, must stay at or around 3 per month. The year started rough with 5 or 6 incidences but thrilled to say in October we only had 3 incidences. Believe it shows a lot or our efforts are working, such as teaching kids expectations and setting them up for success.

Meeting began at 7:00 a.m., ended at 7:47 a.m.